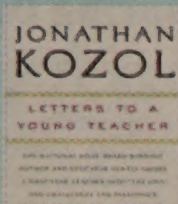




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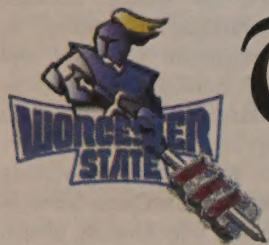


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## Worcester State Heads to Court

Tom Marino  
Editor in Chief

On November 28, four faculty members of Worcester State College filed a complaint against the college's Board of Trustees in Worcester Superior Court, alleging that their deliberation of the firearms proposal was in breach of Massachusetts "Open Meeting Law." The suit asks for a "court order invalidating any action taken at [the trustee meeting] on November 8, 2007, with respect to allowing campus police to carry firearms or sidearms."

The plaintiffs are the president of the WSC faculty union chapter and professor of philosophy, Dan Shartin, union Vice President and professor of chemistry Anne Falke, chairman of the history and political science department and former union vice president Frank Minasian and David Twiss, a professor of political

science and former president of the union. The entire board of trustees is named as defendants, excluding the student trustee.

The complaint alleges that several days prior to the trustee meeting, President Janelle Ashley "distributed a notice of meeting including an agenda [and] a copy of the 'vote' of the Board regarding items on the agenda" (copies of both are enclosed as evidence). The "vote" claims that on November 8, "it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of President Ashley to proceed with the initiative for arming the Worcester State College Police."

The complaint claims this vote sheet was distributed prior to the meeting, and the vote the board of trustees took on November 8<sup>th</sup> was not unanimous.

The complaint also alleges that the board met in private sessions in

the president's dining room prior to its meeting, "for the purpose of deciding and/or deliberating towards a decision with respect to the sidearm or firearm proposal."

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, section 11 1/2 states that "no quorum of a governmental body shall meet in private for the purpose of deciding on or deliberating toward a decision on any matter except as provided by this section."

The law does make exceptions and provides for private meetings, called an executive session. However, the meeting must first be convened in an open session and then be closed by a majority for very specific reasons. A reason for an executive session must also be declared in the open session.

All plaintiffs in the complaint declined comment. All defendants were not reachable for comment.



## Peace of Mind

Megan Montgomery  
Managing Editor

Drawing upon his experiences as former United Nations Ambassador of Bangladesh, Anwarul K. Chowdhury shared with students of Worcester State College the significance of building a culture of peace on November 13.

Chowdhury addressed a crowded North/South Auditorium where both professors and students listened with paralleled enthusiasm. Introduced by WSC history professor Joseph Baratta, Chowdhury's endeavor towards peace began not with wealth or technology, but rather a much simpler place: in the everyday citizen. "I believe, however much the world around us changes, we cannot achieve peace without a change in our own minds," Chowdhury emphasized.

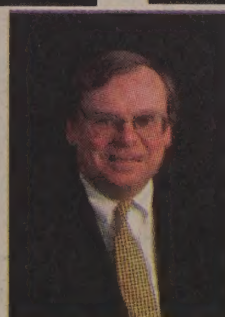
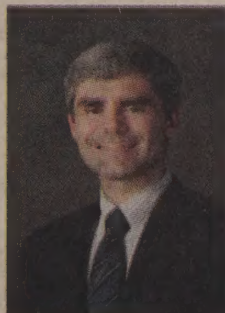
Though responsible for breakthroughs in science, literature, and medication, Chowdhury pointed out that the human mind harbors a darker side as well. Its capability of hatred and intolerance is what poses the biggest obstacle in securing a society of peace. "We have seen a culture of war and violence spread its venomous tentacles threatening to destroy all that is good, moral, and just," said Chowdhury, making reference to the number of wars spanning the last century.

Chowdhury claims the dawn of the new millennium presented an opportunity to take lessons from our past for a new and better tomorrow. The first step he stressed in attaining a culture of peace is the awareness of change in the nature of conflicts. "The world is becoming increasingly more interdependent and interconnected due to globalization and advancement of science and technology." He explained that the days of conquest and extension of spheres of influence are long gone.

What Chowdhury found most disturbing is that many of the world's atrocities occur between people of the same community and neighborhoods. Great divisions still exist today in people and regions, causing the world to enter into a new era of uncertainty.

In an effort to combat this, it was Chowdhury himself who served

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WSC Trustees (listed left to right; top to bottom) Jeffrey Busha, Michael Thomas, Stephen Paige, John Brissette, Dennis Pojani, George Tetler, Jean Campaniello

## Faculty Profile: Rahim Al-Kaleem

Allison Domanowski  
Staff Writer

Rahim Al-Kaleem, a sociology professor at Worcester State College for the past seven years, found his passion for teaching by accident. Originally seeing himself as a psychologist while he was caught in-between undergraduate and graduate school, teaching didn't cross Al-Kaleem's mind until the Dean of Southern New Hampshire College asked him to help teach a class.

"Here I was, teaching with the Dean and doing my homework. I was kind of like thrown in it – either sink or swim – and I found that I really had a knack for it. I had to get over my fear of speaking in front of people. It's like pretty

soon your riding a bike without training wheels and you're gonna fall all over the place. That's when it became clear to me that this is what I was gonna be doing. I graduated with my students and was given a contract to teach," said Al-Kaleem.

Al-Kaleem received his undergraduate degree in Human Services and his Master's degree in Economics from the University of Southern New Hampshire, called New Hampshire College at the time. His schooling focused on setting up social organizations, so as a fresh graduate, he did some building in the community and also received a license to set up private schools.

"But what I found more to my calling was the classroom,

teaching students to understand how valuable their time, space and intellect was. It just seemed to be something I was drawn to. It was the right fit for me, almost like Cinderella – like the shoe fit perfect and it was something that I enjoyed doing. Basically, if I had an income, say, for instance if I was a mechanic, I would teach for nothing just because I love it so much," said Al-Kaleem.

His teaching career originally started at Springfield College; but he was plagued with unfair treatment and left his job with a lot of bad feelings. Al-Kaleem has lived in Worcester for the past ten years and basically wound up here by accident. After leaving Springfield College, he decided

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## Enhancing the Student Experience in Worcester

It is an exciting time to be a college student in the greater Worcester community. Over the past year, the Colleges of Worcester Consortium and its 13 college and university members have been busy developing strategic and aggressive ways to enhance both the academic and social experiences of our more than 30,000 students.

In an effort to make Worcester and the region a destination of choice for both current and future students, the Consortium has been coordinating and supporting more off-campus intercollegiate events in addition to expanding internship and community service opportunities.

This past Labor Day weekend, in conjunction with the Shrewsbury Street Area Merchants Association, the Consortium co-sponsored the first-ever Taste of Shrewsbury Street College Shuffle which provided a lively afternoon of fun, food and live music for 1,500 students. Also in September, the Consortium supported a joint concert in collaboration with Pagio, Inc. at the DCU Center as part of Pulsefest. Both events were so successful that we intend to make them yearly traditions.

This fall also marked the arrival of a new and exciting method of Friday and Saturday evening shuttle service for area college

students—the Woo Bus. Designed as a means of transporting students to off-campus destinations including Shrewsbury Street, Union Station/Canal District, DCU Center, Mechanics Hall, and eventually the Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, the Woo Bus runs two lines both evenings from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and is free for full-time, undergraduate students at participating colleges. To check the schedule, visit our Web site at [www.cowc.org](http://www.cowc.org).

In partnership with the Worcester Cultural Coalition, the Consortium also helped disseminate Woo Cards, designed to promote the city's charged cultural scene to college students. Use of the card will allow discounts for Worcester's vibrant offerings of theater, edgy galleries, music and dance concerts, unique museums, festivals, outdoor adventures and more.

Eleven of our member institutions recently pledged \$950,000 to the Hanover Theatre renovation project, a historic downtown venue which upon completion is expected to draw national theatre, music, comedy and entertainment acts. Schools may choose to sponsor a play, concert or recital at the theatre, purchase a block of discount tickets for students and faculty, or rent the theatre to mount their own fully-staged production. This partnership

will also allow for work-study programs and internships in theatre management, production and technical skills.

The Career Services Committee of the Consortium recently launched an online database of internships that serves as a clearinghouse for local and regional employers as well as our students. I encourage both students and employers to register for this free service by visiting our Web site. The Career Services Committee will host its annual career fair on March 26, 2008 at the DCU Center. Last year the event featured 67 employers and approximately 300 attendees.

All of these initiatives, in addition to our long-standing cross-registration program, are intended to supplement the academic experiences of our students and more fully engage them in the community. Our hope is that whether students remain here after graduation (and we hope they do) or return to their home communities, they become ambassadors for the Worcester region and encourage other families and students to include us in future college searches.

**Mark P. Bilotta**  
CEO, Colleges of Worcester  
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## Campus Police Meeting



**come meet your college police along  
with Frank Amoroso for the Depart-  
ment of Justice to discuss diversity and  
other issues facing college students at  
WSC. Refreshments will be served.**

**Date: December 6, 2007**

**Place: North/South Auditorium**

**Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.**



# Letter to the Editor

As a member of WSC I'd like to stand up for the arming of campus police--for once. Editor in Chief Thomas W. Marino III would like us all to start a revolution of sorts, to petition and well, hell, why don't we set up protests with peace signs on them banning firearms from campus the hippie way? Obviously, and this is not generalized, Mr. Marino must not live on campus, because if he did, he might just know how many weapons are brought onto and then confiscated from campus monthly. As a woman, I'd just like to point out that a college campus, with dark corners and alleys between buildings, is the perfect places for a rape to happen, and how can you miss those fluorescent yellow flyers being posted in bathrooms and spare wall space around campus notifying students of alleged assaults? Who's to say it won't happen again? Personally, I would much rather be reassured that the campus police had a firearm in order to protect me and any other woman on campus from physical harm. The brawns of campus officers will not prevent a stabbing or shooting, but another weapon just might. And haven't you ever heard of the expression, "better safe than sorry"? This isn't just in regards to the women on campus; I'm sure there are plenty of men who think they could "take on" just about any punk who came barreling at them in hopes of retrieving their wallet, but wouldn't you also be comforted in the fact that if you were violently attacked, an armed officer would be there to protect you? (Not like you'd need it, but it's a nice thought right?)

In regards to the previous letter to the editor, I'm saddened to find out that a student is so adamant in his decision to lump everyone else together in the category of "I just don't care"! It's not that we don't care, it's that there are people out there who love to think that the

student's votes don't matter (and I wonder where that thought came from?) I mean, we're just *subjects* of the college, not *citizens* right? Its no surprise the campus has been plagued with feelings of apathy, we're being told by our *peers* that we don't count, so what is the point in trying in the long run? The point is that we *do* live in a changed world, and crime rate is going down on many campuses because of the arming of police officers! If they didn't care, if they were here simply to do a job in order to show their loyalties to the administration and the college security industry, why would they be so passionate in their efforts to enforce the arming of officers? If they don't care about the well-being of the students on campus, then why bother with the proposals and the training? Why show up to work if they don't care? And I think we all know that that sure isn't happening--due to the amount of parking tickets many students have received this semester--I personally can tell that the officers are at least patrolling the campus. Why on Earth would anyone want to ever overturn the law prohibiting concealed licensed weapons, and then not have armed weapons on campus? So, don't arm the officers put here to protect us, but yeah, we'll allow everyone with a legally licensed weapon to conceal it and bring it onto campus? I understand this is an exaggerated proposition, a hypothetical petition used to prove a point, but this is real life, not some hyperbolic quest to prove administration wrong in their decision to *protect* Worcester State students. In conclusion I'd like to end in another question, "when judgment day cometh," will your side support and protect you or hold up a picket sign that reads, "sorry, we're unarmed due to lack of sponsorship"?

Betty Frieden

## Keeping it Old School

Fletcher Tibert  
Contributor

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Surreal Games & Science Fiction club will be hosting an old-school Nintendo gaming tournament. The tournament features five main Nintendo game titles: Super Mario, Sonic the Hedgehog, The Legend of Zelda, Mega-Man and Tetris. How the tournament will work depends on how many people enter. The club has come up with some great prizes for the tournament, including a Mario action figure, a Super Mario treasure block plushie, and a DVD of the super Mario Brothers TV show. The grand prize is a golden Super Nintendo Entertainment System. During the competition, the winners for Surreal Games & Sci-Fi's holiday raffle will be announced. The raffle prize is a SNES complete with controllers and a couple of old school Nintendo games.

The raffle is ongoing and tickets are available at the Sullivan T and at Surreal Game's office in the Student Center, room 317. Cost is one dollar per ticket.

The money from the raffle will be used to benefit the Child's Play charity. The club will also be accepting donations throughout .

Child's Play is a gamer-run organization based in Seattle, but it benefits children's hospitals across the country as well as one in Britain, four in Canada, and two in Australia. The hospitals create wish-lists with toys and video games their young patients want for Christmas. Child's Play has partnered with Amazon.com, where you can view the "Wish Lists" of video games and systems for each children's hospital. Surreal games will be purchasing some of these video games and toys with the money earned from the raffle. They'll also be donating games and systems to the Boston Children's Hospital.

The club is also planning future events to raise money, including a proposed "Game-a-thon" on December 14th. Surreal Games public-relation manager Aaron Metzger said that gamers would be sponsored like runners in a marathon to play video games for a number of hours.

## From the Desk of: The Editor in Chief



Ms. "Frieden,"

Thank you for your contribution to this publication. However, I disagree with your assessment on almost every level.

While this organization should (and will) do a better job reaching out to the student body for contributions to its publication, I can't imagine that your editorial is the first time anyone on this campus has heard an argument in favor of the proposal to arm campus police. In my opinion, that's all we were really told.

A portion of my argument has been -- if you really boil it down to brass tacks -- a second amendment argument. Your comments may be the first time I've ever heard an argument as such and "hippie" referred to in the same breath. Is "revolutionary" now defined as asking people to both be engaged and willing to *do* something over what many people on this campus feel was a wrong done? If so, I'm sorry if you have distaste for protesting, but it's by and large the only way people who aren't in a position of power have ever gotten anything done. We tried asking nice. We were ignored.

Student Government passed a resolution against the proposal. The people that made the decision didn't even pretend to care. Student government asked people to vote and those that did vote democratically turned down the proposal. The people that made the decision didn't even pretend to care. If they weren't listening to those opposed, then they weren't listening to those supportive. Those who were supportive simply happened to agree with the decision that was going to be made, regardless of what anyone said about it. If that doesn't make you feel like a subject, I suggest you check your pulse.

When I referred to us as "subjects," I was making an observation based on the actions of the administration and trustees. There wasn't even a contrived effort to pretend like student or faculty opinion held any weight. The administration put us on notice that this was going to happen and never even pretended like we had a say. Maybe the next time the administration decides to shove a political decision down our throat it will have an effect on you, and you can join the rest of us with the audacity to take exception. Maybe it will be the end of funding for a program in which you work, or tenure will be eliminated and a professor who has had an effect on you will be replaced by a political appointee. Maybe when those political appointees are in the classroom, instead of only administering from a board accountable to no one, you will realize that it doesn't matter what you say; they aren't listening.

I didn't declare us subjects, the trustees screamed it via their complete silence when they had the opportunity to debate. This isn't something that should be divisive among the student body. We should all be completely

disgusted at the process, dictated from the administration building, which was used to force this through the bureaucracy. How you feel about the results isn't the issue.

Aside from the process that was used, allow me to correct some assertions you made about my perspective that are inaccurate. I don't think campus police *need* guns. I don't think the crime rate on-campus justifies it (35 non-property "serious" crimes in 2006) nor do I think the crime rate in the community the college sits in justifies it (West Zone Area 3 had 1273 crimes in 2005, 39 of which were "assault and related," 5 "gun shots/ illegal carrying," 4 robbery and 0 murder). That is hard data, not the impression you were left with because you saw some yellow flyers and it left you with a fearful feeling.

I also believe campus police already have plenty of authority. They can already search students virtually at will. If the proposal is allegedly a necessity, I don't think the case for necessity has been made. Because some people would "feel" safer is not an analytical argument based on verifiable data.

However, some people are adamant that campus is in fact a dangerous place. If that is the case, I demand my right to defend myself. The college policy which prohibits against the "possession or concealment of any type of firearm or other dangerous weapon, including but not limited to stiletto, dagger, dirk knife, any knife having an automatic spring release device by which the blade is released from the handle, having a blade of over one and one-half inches, or a sling shot, black jack, metallic buckles or knuckles or any substance which could be put to the same use," violates my right, and every other individual's right to self defense. Human rights are not allocated by government; they are endowed in every human being by birth. Those rights can only be taken away.

The idea I tried to portray was a choice. In my opinion, campus is not a dangerous place and arming campus police is not necessary. Reasonable people can disagree on this, and I'm willing to accept campus police being armed, but never in an environment where the students and faculty are forced to be unarmed. Anyone who thinks that an armed authority enforcing a forcibly unarmed population is a responsible position and in the best interests of the population, please let me know how that worked out for German Jews from 1938-45. No, I don't believe the Holocaust is coming to WSC, but that's far from the point. Universities can not exist in a police state or in the semblance of one. I think this operates on the "better to be safe than sorry" standard as well.

My argument isn't any more hyperbolic than "the world in which we live in has changed" or saying Virginia Tech over

and over again. In conclusion, I'd like to propose a question to you. If the actions of Cho Seung-Hui (gunman at Virginia Tech) is applicable to this conversation, then why are the actions of Tyler Peterson (Crandon, WI police officer who killed 6 innocent people on October 7, 2007) not applicable? If the death of Rachael Scott (a victim of the Columbine High School massacre of April 20, 1999) is applicable to this conversation, why is the death of Sean Bell (unarmed and shot 50 times by NYPD on November 25, 2006) not applicable? What happens if the police department makes a poor hire, not because the officials are incompetent, but because they are human beings who are imperfect and a police officer wrongfully shoots a student?

If the administration of this college believes this is necessary, the people who have proposed it, approved it and will politically and/or professionally benefit from it can put their careers on the line for it. Furthermore, if a police officer become a gunman, who protects us from them? It certainly won't be ourselves: we've been required to be unarmed.

## Water for Elephants

Patrick K Sargent  
Staff Writer

Aside from an overwhelming bout of creativity, the most important element of Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants* is Gruen's ability to capture a genuine male voice. Jacob Jankowski, the novel's protagonist, is a 93-year-old man caged up in an assisted-living home, forgotten by his family and understandably short-tempered with the nurses and residents of the retirement community.

The story itself revolves around Jankowski reminiscing about his experience as an uncertified veterinarian on the Benzini Brother's Greatest Show on Earth circus, and his life in the retirement home. Gruen beautifully intertwines both aspects of Jankowski's life and fills the pages of the novel with a believable tale of innocence of a young man, a history of circus life in America, unlikely love stories, and the difficulties of growing up and growing older.

The story is surprising, uplifting, engaging, and highly depictive all at the same time. The cast of characters that Gruen weaves in and out are all seemingly real, especially Uncle Al, the Ringmaster of the circus, Marlena, Jankowski's love, and Rosie, the circus elephant. Above all, Gruen's casting of Jankowski as an everyman, a lover and a fighter, an intelligent independent, and as an individual with dreams for a better life even in old age, makes this story worthy of its bestseller status.



# Report States Library Changes Overdue

**Tom Marino**  
Editor in Chief

The library of any college or university is supposed to be the intellectual capital of the campus. Not so much for Worcester State College, where the Learning Resource Center at Worcester State College has long been an eye-sore. From the outside, it looks like a building from an age long ago. The inside of the building doesn't encourage much more optimism. That dour feeling extends to the resources available, ironic given its name. The journal library is weak, the website is a joke and the catalog feels like it hasn't been updated in a generation. Instead of being a hub of research, it is the most ignored building on campus. When faculty and students report doing their research at other institutions due to the multiple failings of the library on campus, something is terribly amiss.

This past summer, WSC was fortunate enough to attract to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Julie Wollman, a former dean at the Feinstein School of Education and Development at Rhode Island College. After she came on board in July, one of the first academic issues that came to her attention was the status of the library.

The Academic Policies Committee (APC) created a Library Subcommittee which produced a report on the library, completed in March of 2007. This subcommittee, which consisted of three faculty members, one administrator and one librarian, produced a scathing report on almost all aspects of the library including the collection, the staff, the access to resources, the building itself, the atmosphere, and the overall communication between faculty and librarians.

This report was submitted to the All College Committee (ACC) where it was determined that a subcommittee wasn't enough to address all the concerns. Wollman hired an independent consultant to produce a report on the library, recommendations included.

Less than three months after Wollman had taken her post as WSC, she hired Kathleen Boyd to visit the college library and produce an evaluation report. Boyd, Director of Library Services at Salve Regina University in Newport, RI and a member of the Board of Directors of NELINET, a "cooperative of more than 600 academic, public, and special libraries" in New England, submitted her report Wollman on October 12. The final product was both scathing and depressing; so brutal it is almost humorous. Boyd wrote her initial impressions; "the internet revolution of the 1990's had passed this library by, and that little had been done to accommodate the paradigm shift in the way that students learn and conduct research today." She also described her impression of the library; "much like a high school library of the previous decade."

Examples of other issues highlighted in the Boyd Report were the near absence of communication between library staff and faculty, the lack of communication between librarians, the lack of "group study rooms and areas set up for students to do collaborative work,"

"administrative 'neglect' of the library facility," insufficient collection especially in the humanities, restrictive hours, lack of internet access to resources, inadequate journal access and the lack of resources for faculty. Boyd was not asked to consider the building which houses the library, as Wollman considers that a separate issue

which is under consideration through separate channels.

Boyd made several recommendations across many areas. Nine recommendations on staffing and organizational issues, eight operational changes and two strategic goals were suggested. The suggestions included outsourcing some work, realignment of the library staff, new library positions, more work study opportunities, internship opportunities, technological changes (including more computers and more internet access), extended hours, less stringent interlibrary loan services, and expanded collaboration with other academic institutions.

While the situation is dire, Wollman is optimistic. "With some funding, we could make the library much more livable. Many [low cost] renovations can start immediately." In an interview, Wollman discussed a vision of the library that included student study lounges and potentially an internet café.

Wollman was also honest about the cause of the problems. "I don't blame the librarians; the library has been neglected." She hopes to initiate some common sense changes in the near term that can make the library "a much better workspace for students." She also hopes to attract one million dollars in grant money for major renovations as part of a long term strategy.

In the near future, students can look forward to accessing library databases off campus, (at this time, they are only accessible on-campus). Within the next year, a redesign of the lobby area of the library will begin. Wollman hopes students find the area more comfortable for reading and studying.

"The goal," Wollman says, "is to have a library where WSC students can find everything they need for their classes, and want to go to meet friends and to study."

## Such a Good Deal!

**Chrissy Kenney**  
Layout Editor

Originally scheduled for December Sixth, Lancer Vision Television is going to be hosting a mock "Deal or No Deal," game show for Worcester State students to enjoy. However, the date has been pushed back to March of 2008 because the organization feels as though with more time to prepare, the event will be much more successful. President Craig Tiffany states, "We are looking to put LVTV on the map. We want students to understand who we are and what we do."

Students will be asked to purchase tickets to the event, one dollar each, and a winning ticket will be drawn from a hat. The winning ticket holders will get a chance to be on the show, and they can choose two or three friends to act as their advisors. Rather than the briefcases viewers might recognize from the actual television show, LVTV has substituted these for folders with numbers on them. The highest prize is one

## Greater Worcester Land Trust Celebrates 20 Years of Success

**Patrick K. Sargent**  
Staff Writer

In 1987, the Greater Worcester Land Trust formed in response to the growing rate of development in the area. Their hope was to protect some of the beautiful land in and around Worcester. It is now 2007 and they've done just what they set out to do. The Land Trust is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Allen Fletcher, the organization's president, couldn't be more pleased with their success.

"A bunch of us founded it 20 years ago. I'm very proud of it. I've had a couple of our older members say to me that they're more proud of this organization than any other organization they've been part of," said Fletcher.

The Land Trust is a non-profit organization that consists of a Board, a director and several staff members. Fletcher refers to the board as a small, tight group. "It's fairly unique in that it's a working board. Where most boards are out of touch, we're totally in touch. We meet every two weeks and get down to business," Fletcher said.

The Land Trust recently appointed a new director and for the first time have paid staff. "It took a long time to do, but in terms of internal satisfaction, it's been a group that's been really fun to work with," says Fletcher.

Although the Land Trust's mission is to protect any land worth protecting, Fletcher insists that they are not entirely against development. "We don't think developers are all evil. We don't think all land needs to be saved, but the pace of development was accelerating at such a rate that it was clear that you just needed to save some of it, and that's what we've done."

In regards to the role that Worcester State College students can play in the protection of our

land and contribution to the Land Trust, the organization has plenty of volunteer opportunities, including their Volunteer Conservation Ranger Corps. According to the Land Trust's website, "The Volunteer Conservation Ranger Program is made up of volunteers from central Massachusetts with a desire to monitor, protect, and manage the open spaces protected through the efforts of the Greater Worcester Land Trust."

According to Fletcher, "there's a variety of ways young people can get involved, such as taking care of properties, watching over properties, gate construction projects, and helping in the office. We do often have interns from various colleges."

There are many areas of study and experience that students could contribute to the Trust. However, for Fletcher and the organization, someone that loves nature is the ideal candidate to join in their efforts.

"It can really be anybody. Really any walk of life, any area of interest. On the Board, we say that Work, Wisdom, and Wealth are the three things you can contribute and they're all valuable to us. We always need money. If someone can contribute money, that's fine. A young Worcester State College student, we don't expect money from them, but if they can give us their energy, that's absolutely wonderful. It's a good thing to become involved in and we're in it for the long haul."

Finding "new blood" is important to the Land Trust and they've gotten a few young people, as evidenced by some of their volunteers and staff. At this point, however, Fletcher says they aren't too worried about it yet. "We're not that old," he added.

"Eventually, if people are into it, we're going to need people that can serve on the board. The more people that become involved in it, we know a few will stick."

For 20 years, the Land Trust has been protecting land across Worcester County and they look forward to plenty more years of success in the future. Fletcher says, "We have a sense that we've done something good over a long period of time. And, in fact, we have. I do believe in a generation from now there will be people growing up in Worcester who will enjoy the land that we saved."

For more information on the Greater Worcester Land Trust, please visit [www.gwlt.org](http://www.gwlt.org).



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# Top Ten Christmas Movies

Jacqueline Morrill  
Staff Writer

After stuffing ourselves with turkey, mashed potatoes, and dessert (for the second time), watching a traditional holiday movie is one of the best ways to relax with your family and friends. Whether they're in the theater, on television or being plucked from a long line of DVDs off movie shelves, this list of top ten holiday movies are sure to make you snuffle, smile, and laugh so hard you'd swear the pounds of food melt off your stomach.

1. At number one, "A Christmas Story" depicts the 9 year-old nerd Ralphie and his pursuit to persuade his family to buy him a Red Ryder carbine action 200 range model BB rifle, with a compass in the stock of course. This film is chock-full of laughs: a child's tongue is stuck to a frozen pole after being "double-dog-dared," bully beatings of a tough kid named Scut, and the ever popular tagline, "you'll shoot your eye out!"

2. Coming to theaters December 21 is the movie adaptation of the hit Broadway musical "Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber of Fleet Street". For those creepy movie lovers and Johnny Depp swooners, "Sweeney Todd" depicts the revenge tale of Benjamin Barker and his sinister alliance with Mrs. Lovett in 19th century London. The plot thickens as Benjamin opens a barber shop, murderously shaving the throats of every person who has ever done him wrong in the past.

3. Who doesn't enjoy an animated Adam Sandler movie with dirty jokes and an elf-like baseball referee by the name of Whitey? "8 Crazy Nights" is a little naughty, a little nice, and a whole lot of laughs.

4. Tim Allen as "The Santa Clause" starts off as a stubborn, sardonic divorced dad whose younger son is forced to spend Christmas Eve at his house. By Christmas morning, both father and son have traveled around the world dropping off presents to good girls and boys, made friends with elves in the North Pole, and knocked Santa off the roof of their house! What's a dad to do? Well, he gains a couple pounds, learns to drive the sleigh and is recruited as the new Saint Nick!

5. Neurotic holiday perfectionist Clark Griswald and his family encounter many strange and unusual obstacles in the family comedy "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation". Stapling 25,000 lights to the house, a surprise installation of the in-ground pool, an unexpected visit from seedy trailer-trash relatives

and no sign of the usual Christmas bonus check sends Clark and the rest of his family up a holiday decorated wall.

6. The Tim Burton favorite "Nightmare Before Christmas" approaches the holiday season from a creepier point of view as we watch Jack the Pumpkin King replace Santa on December 25th. Rather than dolls and choo-choo trains, the children unwrap shrunken heads and satanic jack-in-the-boxes while Mr. Boogey Oogey the Boogeyman attempts to take Jack's place in Halloween town.

7. A young Macaulay Culkin plays the lucky Kevin Mcallister in the comedic Christmas film "Home Alone" about a boy whose family leaves for Florida without him. Kevin spends his first day alone in the house eating dessert for dinner, watching mobster movies and having fun without his aggravating family, but when he learns that Mav and Harry, (the Wet Bandits) plan to break in and steal his family's money and possessions, Kevin's fun turns into a game of booby-trapping madness. For more Wet Bandits and Macaulay Culkin watch "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York".

8. Narrated by the infamous Boris Karloff, the original animated "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is a classic for all ages. The grumpy green Grinch residing atop Who-mountain plans on stealing Christmas from the happy Whos of Whoville, but by the end of this 26 minute long feel good film, his heart has grown ten sizes bigger and the Whoville chorus is resounded once again!

9. Classic Peanuts illustrated by Charles M. Schulz presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas". Charlie Brown and friends are on a mission to repel the commercialism of the holiday season by buying and decorating a scraggly Christmas tree in hopes to discover the true meaning of Christmas.

10. After inadvertently wreaking havoc on the elf community due to his ungainly size, Buddy, a man raised as an elf (played by the wacky Will Ferrell) at the North Pole is sent to the U.S. in search of his true identity. After meeting his real family, whose belief in Christmas is dwindling, Buddy does everything in his power to convince his family and the entire city of New York that Santa truly does exist!

Also watch for: "Bad Santa", "It's a Wonderful Life", "Miracle on 34th Street", "This Christmas" and "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium".

# Under Milk Wood

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Before television and the cinematic big screens of today's movie theaters, radio stories and mystery series set forth the ideals of family entertainment. Pyrotechnics, computer imaging and stuntmending didn't exist, and thus, the story depended completely on one's own imagination. However, on November 15, 2008, Worcester State Theater UpClose and the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, put forth both tremendous effort and accomplished acting skills, in order to translate Dylan Thomas' play, Under Milk Wood: A Play for Voices, from radio to theatrical production.

Composed in part as a response to WWII, Thomas' original radio drama was first recorded by BBC in 1963, and was meant to be "an orchestration of voices, sights and sounds that conjure up dreams and waking hours of an imagined Welsh seaside village (named Llareggub) within the cycle of one day." The characters ranged from a widow who tortures both of her wimpy husbands in her dreams, a blind sailor by the name of Captain Cat, an unhappy husband, the postman and even the town whore.

While the main concept of the play might have seemed like enough to hold one's attention, once the narration began, the audience's comprehension to what was going on fell completely flat. This is not to say that the narration was terrible, but merely to state that the written (or rather spoken) words were too descriptive; the audience couldn't listen, watch, and imagine. Just as Charles Dickens' infamous writing had done centuries ago, the narration of "Under Milk Wood" is at times so drawn-out that the audience is left to suffocate in the unrelenting voice-overs, the plethora of over-detailed images and complicated language that might at random sections sound reminiscent of Middle English. The two narrators, played by Lenny Wells and Briana Sasso, act as never-ending captions for each character's daily routines: sleeping habits, their dreams, gossip between them, and of course, their personal careers that embody the "salty individuality of their own [personalities]."

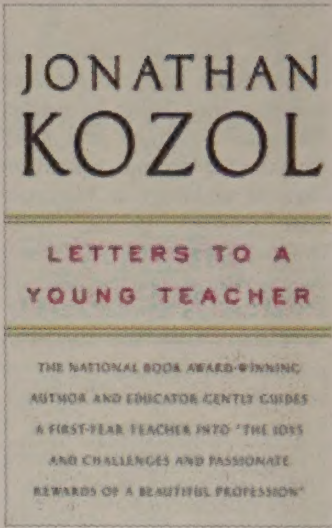
Though at times this drama is actually lacking drama, the satirical language and the seemingly inappropriate actions of certain characters made the

audience chuckle under their breath. One such instance portrays the dreams of Lily Smalls, played by Amanda Gillis. In her dreams, Lily imagines herself as a naughty school girl tempting her professor, "Don't spank me, please teacher!" she says with a smile, "[married] but late for school in her dreams every night."

Many of the characters portray the self-doubt of normal everyday persons, their self-consciousness, judgments and unhealthy habits (such as Mrs. Ogmores-Pritchard's neurotic cleaning), keep them from achieving true happiness.

Particularly comical scenes such as the singing of the young Polly Garter, played by Emily Chestna, are a relief to the despair and depressing small town goings on of Llareggub. As the infamous unmarried mother in town, Polly sings a sad yet hysterical tune about the sexual incompetencies of past lovers. Standing in a circle not too far away, the towns-women cackle snide remarks in response to her habitual unwed pregnancies, and exclaim "it should be a crime!"

The scandalous rumors, whispered from person to person like a game of telephone, are what make the people of Llareggub so miserable, and yet, they find solace in the fact that at night they are free to dream of whatever horrific or sexually enticing fantasies they can imagine. Echoed many times throughout the play are the phrases, "Whose dead? Whose dying? There's a lovely day! Oh, the cost of soap flakes." What is this supposed to mean? And why soap flakes? Well, for some members of the audience this question was deeply pondered over but never answered. The theater production of "Under Milk Wood" made the audience think. It was not a mindless performance without depth, it was not a musical where the acting is sometimes undermined by the up-beat tunes, and it was not a murder mystery whose climax is the killing of Professor Plum with a candlestick. "Under Milk Wood" was an echoing of everyday, seemingly normal voices. And although there was no actual climax or plot to the drama, the point was to convey one day in the life of Welsh villagers, and for what the actors and director had to work against, the stage production was simply unforgettable.



## Letters to a Young Teacher

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In Letters to a Young Teacher, National Book-Award Winning author Jonathan Kozol explores the inner-city public school system through the experiences of Francesca, a first-grade teacher in Boston. In letters directed to Francesca, Kozol focuses on the failures of the public school systems and the difficulties Francesca faces in dealing with the system's guidelines. Specifically, Kozol points out the recent absurdities of standardized testing, the growing illusion of a public school as a corporation, the nearly inevitable outcome of the privatization of public education, and the segregation and inequalities found in urban schools.

Aside from Kozol's remarks on the ineffective side of public education, he also gives plenty of attention to the overall joys of teaching. Kozol responds to Francesca's ability to make positive contact with a difficult student, the quirkiness and innocence of first-graders, and the satisfaction of having solid relationships with both parents and teachers.

Letters to a Young Teacher is an important reference for current and future teachers as Kozol draws from his 40 years of experience working with children in inner-city schools.

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## Al-Kaleem

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to go back to setting up organizations and was working at a homeless shelter for men in Worcester when he met Cory Dolgon, the current department chair of sociology at Worcester State College. In late 2000, Dolgon approached Al-Kaleem about an adjunct teaching position at WSC and Al-Kaleem accepted.

"I didn't know if I wanted to get back into teaching. Cory was very instrumental in getting me back into the profession. I first came from a point of being highly inspired to teach, then I went through some depression and finally I came to Worcester. I found this door open again and I forgot all those other dreams I had and I knew I was supposed to be a teacher again," said Al-Kaleem.

Al-Kaleem was an adjunct professor for five years at WSC before he was offered the opportunity to become a full-time professor on a temporary basis for two-years. Unfortunately, because Al-Kaleem doesn't hold a Ph. D. degree, he can't work for WSC for more than two years as a full-time faculty member. This is mandated by the teacher's union contract.

As of the spring semester 2008, Al-Kaleem's two-year period of teaching as a full time faculty member will be up. Many professors at Worcester State, including Al-Kaleem are going to be caught in this dilemma at the end of this school year and will lose their jobs, according to Al-Kaleem. "Caught in between this whole thing are the consumers; the students. If you have faculty who have been effective based on what their evaluations have been saying and think that the professor is a good fit, the school is going to lose good people. Many professors who are doing a good job will be caught in this contractual thing and won't be able to be hired again," said Al-Kaleem.

According to Cory Dolgon, professors who are hired under a tenure track are given a certain amount of time in which to finish their doctorate degrees, usually a 1-2 year period. He also says that professors can work for many years at a state college without a Ph. D. as long as they are adjuncts. According to Dolgon, these rules are set by the union to keep colleges from outsourcing all faculty members on a temporary, part-time or full-time basis.

At a time in his life when he should be thinking about retirement, Al-Kaleem is going to be job searching instead. So, the question students and professors are asking is, how can we keep and protect good professors who do not have a tenure track, but rather, have proven themselves worthy by past teaching experiences at the college?

Desiree Cuevas, a sophomore sociology student at Worcester State believes that Al-Kaleem's teaching style and lectures are on another level.

"I took his intro to sociology class last semester and I enjoyed it so much that I actually switched into the major because I loved his teaching style so much," said Cuevas.

Currently Al-Kaleem stays

busy teaching classes at WSC and Quinsigamond Community College while also staying involved in the Worcester community. Not only does he focus on sociology classes, he is also teaching a 40-student freshman seminar class this semester.

He is an active member of The Worcester Interreligious Forum, which evolved from a discussion at the Worcester county region of the National Conference for Community and Justice in 1997.

"The Interreligious Forum, composed of many different faith groups, is a group of religious community leaders and citizens who are pushing the idea of a 'oneness of vision', purpose and humanity and that all people have principles that are shared in common. We then use those principles and disseminate them into the greater community," said Al-Kaleem. They focus on the golden rule; looking at their similarities instead of their differences, and trying to prove that different races can work together.

Al-Kaleem is going to be joining the Homeless Advocacy Task Force in the weeks to come because he believes that homelessness is a major issue facing America today, saying that as Americans, we have a moral obligation to make sure people aren't hungry, sick, or pushed out of affordable housing. "I'm trying very hard to put a face on the homeless in my class lectures because I want to get people off this way of thinking and current attitudes that are held about the homeless," said Al-Kaleem.

In the future, Al-Kaleem sees himself free up to write, but right now he is dedicated to teaching and his organizations. He wants to do some serious writing and researching "My cup of tea would be fictional writing. I believe that I think like an author and that I really should be doing something."

As for now, Al-Kaleem is trying not to think about where he will be after the spring semester of 2008, but he hopes to find another job that will keep him here at Worcester State College.

## Chowdhury

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as the chair of the Programme of Action on Culture of Peace under the UN General Assembly. This historic document stands as the one of the most significant legacies of the United Nations.

Education being a key ingredient in building a culture of peace, Chowdhury called for a radically diverse education for the youth of today: "An education that does not glorify war, but educates for peace, non-violence, and international cooperation." Another matter discussed was the incorporation of peace studies as part of the curricula.

He then aimed the crux of the lecture towards the young people in the room. Urging youths to express their ideas, and cooperate amongst each other to eliminate violence in our society.

Chowdhury called the process of peace a continuous endeavor. "The seed of peace exists in all of us," he declared. "Peace cannot be imposed from the outside; it must be realized from within."

# How to Survive the Ho Ho Holidays

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Surviving the holidays may seem like a New Year's Resolution in itself. Between the gift giving, the cooking, the cleaning after cooking, the embarrassing moments with long lost relatives, it's all a little overkill. Just trying to remember the date during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is a nightmare! Thankfully, we at the Student Voice know how difficult it can be. Here are some helpful hints on how to come out of the holiday season with some left-over cash in your pocket, dignity in front of judgmental relatives, and even a smile.

1. Set realistic expectations. The pressure to create the perfect holiday for family and friends is way too much for one person to take on. It's a nice thought, but forget about worrying over the perfect personalized gifts. Unless you can read minds and have a bank account the size of Bill Gates', you should keep the Utopian-holiday image on the back burner. Lower your stress level by knowing that "perfect" isn't always the most expensive, and in the case of the holidays, misunderstandings and embarrassing moments can make you laugh later on.

2. "Gift giving isn't the main concept of the winter holidays" Make this your mantra! Home-made greeting cards or baked goods are just as appreciated as that new fangled gadget from the mall (by the way, have you been to the Natick Collection yet?). If you insist on spending money and would like to maintain your balance at the bank, try a "Secret Santa" or "Yankee Swap" instead of buying for everyone. That way you can set a higher amount and concentrate on the gift and still know that quality matters more than quantity.

3. Skip on the third-helpings. For those weight-watchers out there, here's a bit of advice: rather than grumbling and being guilty about wolfing down three pieces of pumpkin pie, stuffing, and mashed potatoes try to plan ahead and eat in moderation. Don't starve yourself all day and then binge as soon as Grandma finishes saying grace. It's not worth the extra calories. Eat a

little bit of everything, so when you get to dessert you can have a smaller piece of pie or dessert and still be satisfied. Eat slowly too; it takes about twenty minutes for your stomach to tell your brain that it's full, so be careful of overeating. And don't feel guilty afterwards; everyone deserves to satisfy their sweet tooth during the holiday season!

4. If it's not the sweets you're worried about, try to cut back on your alcohol intake. New Year's Eve can do some serious damage in regards to your wallet and your weight. By setting aside a fixed amount of money to spend on your night out, the number of drinks you buy will also be fixed. If you're going to a house party, drink seltzer water or diet soda between alcoholic drinks in order to fill you up faster.

5. Re-lax. Crazy relatives getting you down? Mortifying moments from the past keep popping thus provoking your face to turn ten shades darker than the reddest bulbs on the Christmas tree? Simple trick: CHILL OUT! The holidays are about laughter, not aggravation. We can all relate to parents setting up holiday outings to chorus concerts where your nana just won't stop tapping your knee or clapping when everyone else is thinking, "Oh, dear God help us." But it only happens once a year, so cheer up, suck it up, and deal with it. Embrace your inner dorkiness that every family holds dear to their hearts, and learn to love those eccentric family members!

6. Too many cooks is not a bad thing. Cooking for twenty-five is no picnic, but in order to make your holiday dinner just a tad bit easier, try a pot-luck. Assign each guest to cook their favorite specialty meal to bring to the party while you bake the ham or turkey. Better yet, have a guest bring the turkey! Buying napkins, dusting, setting the tables and wrapping presents is quite enough for one person to handle. If you're not the host, offer to bring something instead of letting him/her to all the work.

7. Start acting like a kid again. Make a snow angel. Have a snow-ball fight. Spend some of those gift cards at the mall. Drink some hot-cocoa in front of a fire. Now that finals are over you can finally sit back, relax, and forget about

classes for a while. Enjoy the time off because spring semester will creep up sooner than you expect.

## Elder Advocates

Eileen Teft

Elder Advocate Program

The elder advocates program was started in 1985, by Professor Maureen Power. It grew out of elder students' participation on campus and their desire to come together, share experiences, and find a way to contribute to the life of the campus.

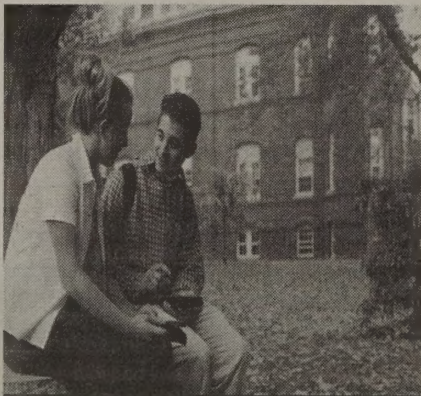
Worcester State College not only observed the commonwealth law that elders receive tuition-free education, but by a vote of the Board of Trustees eliminated fees for them as well. Elders enjoyed their intergenerational learning experience and came to appreciate the struggles of the younger students.

In looking for ways to give back to college, the elder advocates decided to create a scholarship fund. Initially, the scholarship was instituted in memory of Anne C. Collins, an elder who returned to college in her seventies and was just a few months away from graduation when she passed away. Over the years the elder advocates have given away many scholarships to worthy juniors and seniors who demonstrate outstanding performance within their chosen discipline, and who have shown an interest in intergenerational approaches to meeting the challenges of our aging society.

The elders have several fundraisers a year and on December 12, we will hold our holiday party and raffle. Everyone is invited to join us at 1 p.m. in the north room of the Student Center. There will be refreshments, entertainment, and our scholarship raffle.

One of our main fundraisers is the Worcester State College afghan, which we we sell through the scholarship office. Now available, the beautiful new afghan displays the new buildings on campus.

I hope that many of you will drop in on the 12 of December and join us for our celebration. For more information contact Eileen Teft at [teftty5@charter.net](mailto:teftty5@charter.net) or Ann Klump at [annklump@verizon.net](mailto:annklump@verizon.net)



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# WSC Police Logs

November 1st - November 15th



**11/1/2007**  
6:12 PM  
possible stolen bag from Student center see report.

7:40 PM  
unit 31 responded to smoke alarm sounding...CV 7-1....residents cooking chicken....all clear

9:52 PM  
the surreal group has finished using the wasylean hall conference room....unit 31 secured

10:52 PM  
unit 23 ..found eye glasses...in the LRC...put in the lost and found at Campus PD

**11/2/2007**  
12:29 AM  
dispatch notified ra's of noise complaint...3rd flr of dowden hall

2:00 AM  
unit 15 states ...student center front door was unlocked and the AED box has been opened...door has been secured and aed alarmed box has been reset

2:15 AM  
unit 15 states...small deliver vehicle(cart)...parked outside of the LRC dock... the stroble light was left on

11:58 AM  
unit 16 dispatched to wasylean hall room 404 for a smoke detector alarm: alarm sounded due to students cooking, alarm reset

8:45 PM  
unit 23 responded to smoke alarm sounding...at chartwells in the student center...unit 20 ..contacted the appropriate facilities personnel in the order specified... UPDATE// Facilities arrived 9:30 pm...checked and stated an electrician will be in to take care of it tomorrow Saturday...dirty smoke detector

10:41 PM  
caller states individuals lighting sparklers in the dowden quad... dispatch notified RA's

11:45 PM  
unit 33 and 18 ...responded to .... elevator stuck between floors... WFD arrived and assisted.. elevator company has been notified .....see report

**11/3/2007**  
1:03 PM  
Unit 17 received a call regarding the noise level at the football game. 17 notified the detail and they took care of it.

6:00 PM  
unit 23 assisted... Chartwells production manager....to gain access..to the room of the ...office manager....to leave a package

**11/4/2007**  
1:45 AM  
unit 33 and 18 responded....RA's assisted....checked on a guest in CV 24-3

6:37 PM  
dirty smoke detectors 1 outside police office in Wasylean hall and 2nd in S&T bldg south entrance vestibule. Notified supervisor of trades. 1850 supervisor called back stating it is a non emergency will fix in the morning.

6:41 PM  
23 unlocked Sull. Aud for coral practice

**11/5/2007**  
7:30 AM  
Unit 17 opening the LRC for regular scheduled hours.

9:46 AM  
Unit 17 responded to a complaint about the Handicap door in the Gym building, Caola called.

10:44 AM  
Unit 17 doing lockout in 15-1.

10:51 AM  
Unit 32 delivering summons to C.V. resident and commuter student.

1:17PM  
Unit blocked three spaces off per Chief in the Studnet Center Lot

4:46 PM  
wallet found owner notified will pick up.

7:40 PM  
23 fueling cruiser #1

9:37 PM  
jump start commuter student parked on may street

**11/6/2007**  
11:48 AM  
HVAC reported smoking device in work area, Unit 32 responded, tested device - negative.

5:30 PM  
walk in from res life to have Maint check roof leak in W608A

6:30 PM  
unit 23....assisted professor ....to gain access to office in S+T

8:20 PM  
resident retrieved ...a confiscated item....from WSC PD

9:00 PM  
unit 15 responded .....to Dowden hall rm 260 ...for an incident..... unfounded ....all clear

9:00 PM  
unit 31 assisted java junction employees...to gain access to office in Student center... to retrieve belongings....unit 31 stood by until finished and secured office

10:10 PM  
dispatch notified ...maintenance ..of water on the floor of .... dowden hall 5th flr...girls bathroom...UPDATE///...10:34 pm ...all cleaned up

10:38 PM  
unit 15 states...cruiser #3...is in need of a cleanup...back seat

11:10 PM  
unit 33..acknowledged lights on in the ministry house...patrolled ..RA's studying for a test

**11/7/2007**  
1:50 AM  
unit 21 found ...a camera...outside of CV5-6 on the picnic table...

2:30 AM  
unit 33 and 15 responded to noise complaint...CV 15....residents have been informed

7:39 AM  
unit 16 called red cab for a female student at umass campus

10:50 AM  
unit 16 escorted female student from wh 408 to wh 612 while moving items from one room to the other.

7:45 PM  
unit 17 .....responded to lockout... dowden hall ...rm 433

**11/8/2007**  
9:00 AM  
units 16 and 32 in chandler village court yard for a fire drill with worcester fire dept. and wsc facilities.

9:25 AM  
unit 16 dispatched to chandler village 2-2 for a lockout.

11:00 AM  
units 16 and 32 dispatched to the 3rd floor mens bathroom for a report of vandalism: notified facilities dept. to clean wall in bathroom.

5:00 PM  
units 19 and 31 responded ...to disabled elevator...carrying one student....facilities assisted ..and will take care of proceeding... with repair and notifications ..to the proper authorities

10:17 PM  
academic affairs ...handed a blurb ....to unit 19...that was posted on the lobby bulletin board of Admin village

**11/9/2007**  
12:33 AM  
units 33 and 18 assisted RA's ..... units requested unwanted guest to leave

12:38 AM  
units 33,18,15,21 and 30 responded to an argument between 2 females and 1 male.....15-20 people on scene trying to break up the argument.....see report

5:30 PM  
unit 23 acknowledged.....shipping and receiving...loading dock door...in LRC.....was ajar....all secured

6:00 PM  
unit 23 responded....repeat call....smoke alarm sounding.... wasylean hall rm 310.....cooking onions.....all clear

**11/10/2007**  
12:05 AM  
ra's requested cpo's to assist....

units 33 and 18 responded.... a report of water balloons being thrown .....from dowden hall 4th or 5th flr.....unfounded

1:45 AM  
units 33 30 and 18 responded to smoke alarm sounding....dowden hall rm 442.....could not reset it.....had to take it down to silence it....dispatch notified...facilities... facilities stated .....to leave it down and will be in .....in the morning to take care of it

9:45 PM  
units 14 and 19 ...reset security alarm.....wasylean 1st flr rear exit

10:48 PM  
RD informed CPO's..... RA's will be on duty tonight from.....10:00pm to 12:00pm

**11/11/2007**  
7:39 AM  
unit 17 met bus for the TWA trip to New York and retrieved the emergency contact forms.

3:10 PM  
Unit 14 opened the weight room for work study student who requested it to be open.

6:45 PM  
Unit 23 responded to a smoke detector.Burnt food. Unit 31 reset the alarm .. all clear.

**11/12/2007**  
5:00 PM  
Complaint of no heat in dowden hall. Called on call pager responded with HVAC call back will come and check area out.

5:30 PM  
Unit 23 escorted skateboards off may street lot

**11/13/2007**  
8:00 AM  
Training all department personnel

1:12 PM  
Unit 16 & 17 advised a small group of Linden LaRouche supporters to leave campus until they obtained the proper permission

7:34 PM  
Received call from ADT alarm company stating alarm sounding in Registrars Office. Unit 31 responded, Employee accidental, Alarm Reset

11:10 PM  
unit 15 states...hibachi / grill is not in front of CV 13 ???

**11/14/2007**  
12:00 AM  
unit 15 states...rear seat of cruiser # 3.....needs to be cleaned.... bodily fluid

7:55 AM  
Unit 17 called to a broken lock in payroll unable to give access, caola was called

9:00 PM  
unit 15 checked parking garage... all quiet....2 vehicles parked

11:10 PM  
facilities requested CPO .... to assist a student....to retrieve jacket and cell phone.....left in the LRC....units 24 and 30 responded

**11/15/2007**  
1:55 AM  
resident spoke to unit 15....resident concerned about unwanted guest that is not on campus at this time.....dowden hall rm 242

10:30 AM  
unit 16 assisted P2 with tow in lrc parking area: owner payed fee to unhook vehicle.

## Get Lied in the Shade!

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On November 28, 2007, the Hawaiian luau in the Student Center was a fun-filled event thanks to the SEC. Hungry? This party had plenty of free food, like Hawaiian pizza and fruit. There was a flavored sugar dispenser with fun flavors like banana, pear, and orange. To go with all this were, of course, mock-tails! Fast paced tropical music played while students tried not to fall off the mechanical surf board. Was it time to update your wardrobe? Then the tie-dye table would have been prefect. Students took their old clothes and dyed them with various colors and designs, all for free. If you needed some money, then you should have participated in the chocolate pie eating contest. There were three rounds and two pies to eat – you only needed to beat out nine other people in the first round and eventually make your way to 100 dollars. Those who didn't win still got free pie, so it was a win-win situation. Thanks to the SEC for providing students with a good time, good clothes, faux alcohol, and pie. Mmm, pie.

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Worcester State College Sports Standings and Schedules

Lancer Ice Hockey Schedule

11/6	Wentworth* <a href="#">Recap</a>	5:30 PM	<a href="#">L 5-7</a>	0-1,0-1
UBS Tournament @ Fitchburg State				
11/9	Fitchburg State <a href="#">Recap</a>	8:00 PM	<a href="#">L 1-7</a>	0-2,0-1
11/10	Suffolk University <a href="#">Recap</a>	4:00 PM	<a href="#">L 4-8</a>	0-3,0-1
11/12	Franklin Pierce	7:30 PM	<a href="#">L 6-9</a>	0-4,0-1
11/15	@ WNEC* <a href="#">Recap</a>	7:10 PM	<a href="#">W 5-3</a>	1-4,1-1
11/18	@ Becker College* <a href="#">Recap</a>	12:45 PM	<a href="#">L 1-6</a>	1-5, 1-2
11/24	@ URI (Exhibition)	7:00 PM	<a href="#">L 1-3</a>	1-5, 1-2
11/26	Salem State College <a href="#">Recap</a>	6:30 PM	<a href="#">L 2-9</a>	1-6, 1-2
12/1	Suffolk University*	4:30 PM		
12/5	@ Fitchburg State College*	7:00 PM		
12/8	@ Johnson & Wales*	7:10 PM		
Salem State Tournament				
12/27	vs Salem State	7:00 PM		
12/28	Championship/Consolation	4:00/7:00 PM		
1/10	@ UMass-Dartmouth*	7:30 PM		
1/20	@ Nichols College*	8:00 PM		
1/22	@ New England College	7:00 PM		
1/24	WNEC	5:30 PM		
1/26	@ Stonehill College*	2:00 PM		
1/30	@ Franklin Pierce*	7:30 PM		
2/2	@ Framingham State*	5:40 PM		
2/9	Southern New Hampshire*	7:30 PM		
2/14	Curry College*	5:30 PM		
2/19	Salve Regina University*	5:30 PM		
2/21	@ Assumption College*	7:30 PM		
2/23	Plymouth State University*	4:30 PM		
* ECAC Northeast Game				

Lancer Football

9/1	@ Curry College	7:00 PM	<a href="#">L 26-38</a>	0-1
9/7	WPI	7:00 PM	<a href="#">L 14-40</a>	0-2
9/15	@ Nichols College	1:00 PM	<a href="#">W 17-10</a>	1-2
9/22	@ Mass Maritime*	2:30 PM	<a href="#">W 24-7</a>	2-2, 1-0
9/29	Framingham State*	12:00 PM	<a href="#">W 36-29 OT</a>	3-2, 2-0
10/6	@ Maine Maritime*	1:00 PM	<a href="#">L 7-13</a>	3-3, 2-1
10/13	Fitchburg State*	1:30 PM	<a href="#">W 36-21</a>	4-3, 3-1
10/20	Coast Guard*	4:30 PM	<a href="#">L 10-46</a>	4-4, 3-2
10/27	@ Bridgewater State*	1:00 PM	<a href="#">L 13-21</a>	4-5, 3-3
11/3	Westfield State*	12:00 PM	<a href="#">L 0-7</a>	4-6, 3-4
*NEFC Divisional Game				

Women’s Soccer

9/2	@ Wheaton College	1:00 PM	<a href="#">L 1-3</a>	0-1
9/6	@ Clark University	6:30 PM	<a href="#">W 3-1</a>	1-1
9/8	@ MIT	12:00 PM	<a href="#">L 2-5</a>	1-2
9/11	WPI	7:00 PM	<a href="#">W 3-0</a>	2-2
9/18	@ Plymouth State	5:00 PM	<a href="#">W 5-0</a>	3-2
9/20	UMass-Boston	7:00 PM	<a href="#">W 5-0</a>	4-2
9/22	Salem State College*	2:00 PM	<a href="#">W 2-1</a>	5-2, 1-0
9/26	@ Middlebury College	4:00 PM	<a href="#">L 0-5</a>	5-3, 1-0
9/29	@ Fitchburg State*	10:00 AM	<a href="#">L 0-1</a>	5-4, 1-1
10/3	Keene State College	4:00 PM	<a href="#">W 3-0</a>	6-4, 1-1
10/6	MCLA*	12:00 PM	<a href="#">W 2-0</a>	7-4, 2-1
10/8	@ Framingham State*	12:00 PM	<a href="#">W 1-0</a>	8-4, 3-1
10/10	#18 Western Connecticut	7:00 PM	<a href="#">L 0-2</a>	8-5, 3-1
10/13	@ Bridgewater State*	12:00 PM	<a href="#">W 3-0</a>	9-5, 4-1
10/16	@ Nichols College	4:00 PM	<a href="#">W 3-0</a>	10-5, 4-1
10/19	Westfield State College*	7:00 PM	<a href="#">W 2-0</a>	11-5, 5-1
10/23	@ UMass Dartmouth	3:30 PM	<a href="#">W 3-1</a>	12-5, 5-1
10/31	MASCAC Semifinal vs #4 Bridgewater State	3:30 PM	<a href="#">W 1-0</a>	13-5, 5-1
11/3	MASCAC Final vs #2 Salem State	12:00 PM	<a href="#">W 3-0</a>	14-5, 5-1
11/10	@ #5 William Smith NCAA 1st Round	11:00 AM	<a href="#">W 2-0</a>	15-5, 5-1
11/11	NCAA 2nd Round vs #16 Union College	1:00 PM	<a href="#">W 2-1</a>	16-5, 5-1
11/10	NCAA Sectional vs Western Connecticut	1:30 PM	<a href="#">L 1-2 2OT</a>	16-6, 5-1

Lancer Men’s Basketball

11/16	vs Becker College	5:00 PM	<a href="#">W 82-72</a>	1-0
11/17	vs WPI	3:00 PM	<a href="#">L 64-93</a>	1-1
11/20	UMass Dartmouth	8:00 PM	<a href="#">L 65-78</a>	1-2
11/27	@ Regis College	7:00 PM		
11/29	Clark University	7:00 PM		
12/4	@ Nichols College	8:00 PM		
Buffalo State Tournament				
12/14	Houghton College	6:00 PM		
12/15	Championship/Consolation	2:00/4:00 PM		
Mary Hardin-Baylor Tournament				
12/28	Mary Hardin-Baylor	8:00 PM		
12/29	Championship/Consolation	2:00/4:00 PM		
1/8	@ Becker College	7:00 PM		
1/10	Salve Regina University	7:00 PM		
1/15	@ Fitchburg State College*	7:30 PM		
1/17	@ Newbury College	7:00 PM		
1/19	Westfield State College*	4:00 PM		
1/22	@ Framingham State College*	7:30 PM		
1/26	@ MCLA*	4:00 PM		
1/29	Bridgewater State College*	8:00 PM		
2/2	@ Salem State College*	3:00 PM		
2/5	Fitchburg State College*	8:00 PM		
2/9	@ Westfield State College*	3:00 PM		
2/12	Framingham State College*	8:00 PM		
2/16	MCLA*	2:00 PM		
2/19	@ Bridgewater State College*	8:00 PM		
2/23	Salem State College*	4:00 PM		
* MASCAC Game				

Lancer Women’s Basketball

Worcester City Tournament @ Clark				
11/16	vs Clark University <a href="#">Recap</a>	5:00 PM	<a href="#">L 46-69</a>	0-1
11/17	vs Nichols College <a href="#">Recap</a>	1:00 PM	<a href="#">L 46-66</a>	0-2
11/20	UMass Dartmouth <a href="#">Recap</a>	6:00 PM	<a href="#">L 67-74</a>	0-3
NYU Tournament				
11/24	Wesley College	3:00 PM	<a href="#">L 54-63</a>	0-4
11/25	New York University <a href="#">Recap</a>	3:00 PM	<a href="#">L 55-90</a>	0-5
11/29	@ Trinity College	5:30 PM		
12/5	Babson College	7:00 PM		
12/8	@ Mt. Holyoke College	1:00 PM		
12/29	@ George Fox	7:00 PM		
1/9	Eastern Connecticut	7:00 PM		
1/12	Springfield College	2:00 PM		
1/15	@ Fitchburg State College*	5:30 PM		
1/19	Westfield State College*	2:00 PM		
1/22	@ Framingham State College*	5:30 PM		
1/24	@ Tufts University	7:00 PM		
1/26	@ MCLA*	2:00 PM		
1/29	Bridgewater State College*	6:00 PM		
2/2	@ Salem State College*	1:00 PM		
2/5	Fitchburg State College*	6:00 PM		
2/9	@ Westfield State College*	1:00 PM		
2/12	Framingham State College*	6:00 PM		
2/14	@ Salve Regina University	7:00 PM		
2/16	MCLA*	4:00 PM		
2/19	@ Bridgewater State College*	6:00 PM		
2/23	Salem State College*	2:00 PM		
* MASCAC Game				

Girls B-Ball Breakfast

Liz Malone Contributor

On November 15, the Worcester State College’s Women’s basketball team came together to introduce the team members and preview the upcoming season. The breakfast introduced and welcomed the freshmen from Massachusetts and New Hampshire: Kristina Beningo (Hudson, NH), Morgan Crawford (Barre, MA), Kathleen Foley (Hudson, NH), Alexis George (Worcester, MA), and Rebecca Giguere (W. Brookfield, MA). They also welcomed the new junior transfer, Natasha Dallas (Roxbury, MA). Head Coach, Karen Tessmer, presented a highlight film, including memorable pictures of the girls from the previous season. The photographs showed team spirit and a sense of unity. Lessmer handed out t-shirts with the logo, “New Team: Same Dream”, demonstrating the team’s message and what they want out of the season. Coach Lessmer stated that it is a “rebuilding year,” because of the many hardships they have already encountered so early in the season. Captain Maureen Lemay, with a broken ankle (one out of the three major injuries), still has faith in her team. She explained that the team has trained for many weeks and while they lack in depth, they make up in speed. The freshmen this year are going to play a major role in the season. With five freshmen and one transfer, Worcester State proves that although a young team, in they are obviously in the early stages of evolving into a successful one. A major aspect to the Worcester State Women’s basketball team involves team bonding and unity. Over the summer, the school had the girls partake in a summer league, ending the summer session with a family cookout. Along with this gathering, the team had a pot-lock dinner and participated in Frisbee golf. They participated in pre-season conditioning, four days a week from September to December, while also attending study hall, where the girls do their homework together and focus on their grades. “Chemistry off the court translates onto the court,” says Coach. In order to have a successful team, the women must get along and learn how to work with each other. This month the girls traveled to New York to visit Manhattan and NYU, where they played against challenging teams. Over Christmas break, the team will travel to Oregon, where they will play George Fox University. These trips build the team’s confidence and experience, preparing them for the difficult season ahead, and for the dream of becoming MASCAC champions. With all these factors in mind, go support the Worcester State Women’s basketball team, and witness the fresh faces and the seniors’ (Maureen Lemay, Jamara Exilus, and Lindsay DelleChiaie) last year on the court. Go and cheer – it will most definitely inspire them to succeed!